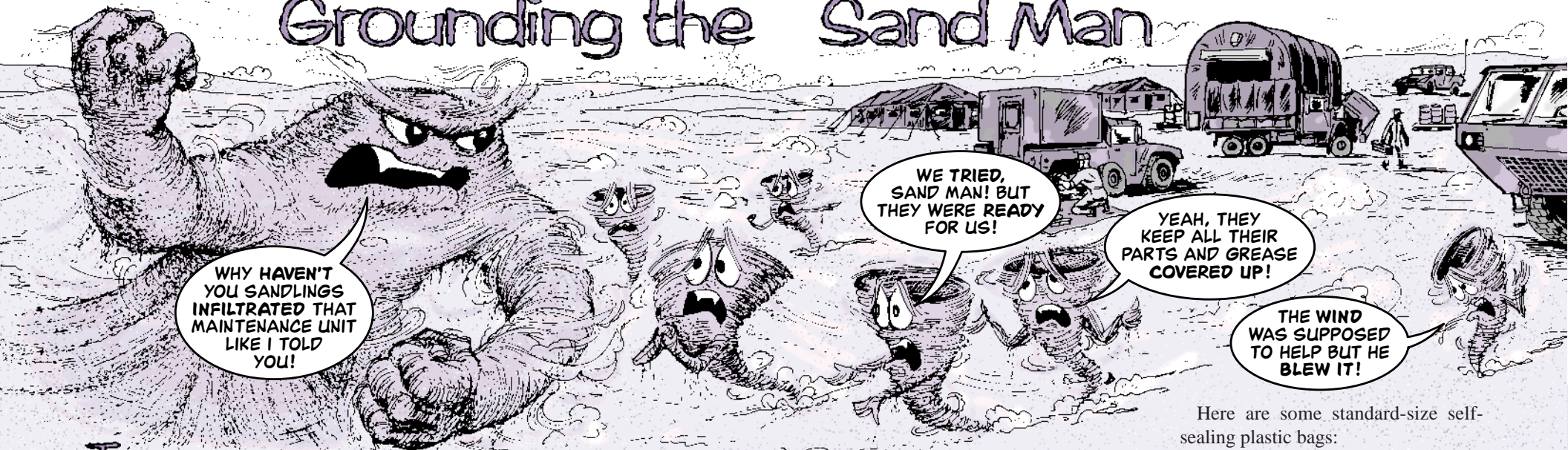


Grounding the Sand Man



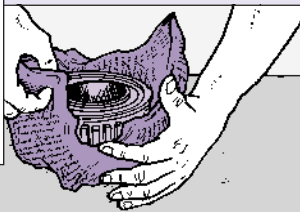
The Sand Man doesn't bring sleep in the desert. He brings misery to mechanics faced with the job of lubing or greasing components that attract sand like magnets.

Sand and grease make a combination like sandpaper that works its damage on metal surfaces and rubber seals.

You can't avoid the Sand Man, but you can reduce his effects by:

- * Keeping sand and dust off parts while you're making repairs by wrapping greased parts with waxed paper or newspaper.

Wrap greased parts with waxed paper or newspaper



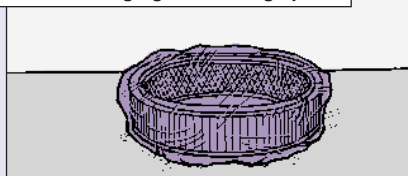
- * Keeping the lids on grease cans.

Keep grease cans covered



- * Using plastic wrap to keep dust and sand out of large components. NSN 8135-00-043-5331 gets an 11 1/2-in by 100-ft roll of self-clinging plastic film.

Use self-clinging film on large parts



- * Using plastic bags to hold bearings and small parts like nuts and bolts that might get lost or dirty before you need them again. Tag the bags to make sure everything goes back on exactly where it came off.

Here are some standard-size self-sealing plastic bags:

Size (inches)	NSN 8105-00-837-
6 x 6	7754
8 x 8	7755
11 x 10 1/2	7756
12 x 12	7757

Trucks ...

Keep Air Valves Closed

No matter what type of equipment you're driving or operating, always close the valves after you drain the air tanks. That keeps a buddy from driving off with the valves open.

Valves left open keep the vehicle's air brake system from building up air pressure for applying the brakes. That's an accident waiting to happen.

In winter, open valves can also freeze in the open position—then you can't close them.

Close valves after draining air tanks

